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CHAPTER 32

SENATE BILL 1620

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 46-294, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WELFARE BUDGET RECONCILIATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 46-294, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 46-294. Duration of assistance

5 A. A needy family is ineligible for a cash assistance grant awarded
6 under this article, except in case of hardship, if any of the following apply
7 APPLIES:

8 1. The needy family includes a head of household or the spouse of the
9 head of household who has received cash assistance for himself for a total of
10 ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR months.

11 2. The needy family includes a cash assistance ineligible parent or
12 the spouse of the ineligible parent who has received cash assistance on
13 behalf of an eligible dependent child for a total of ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR
14 months.

15 3. The needy family includes an adult nonparent relative head of
16 household or the spouse of the adult nonparent relative head of household who
17 has received cash assistance on behalf of an eligible dependent child for a
18 total of ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR months.

19 B. The time limit prescribed in subsection A applies retroactively to
20 cash assistance received under this article or the Arizona works program on
21 or after October 1, 2002. The time limit applies regardless of:

22 1. Whether the ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR months are consecutive.

23 2. The source of funding for the program.

24 C. The ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR month time limit prescribed in this
25 section does not apply to child only cases.

26 D. In determining the number of months that assistance has been
27 received, the department shall disregard any month during which assistance is
28 received by:

29 1. A foster parent, an unrelated adult or a nonparent relative, in a
30 child only case.

31 2. An assistance unit during the time in which the assistance unit
32 resides on an Indian reservation in which the unemployment rate of the adults
33 residing on the Indian reservation exceeds fifty per cent.

34 3. An assistance unit if the cash assistance grant is less than the
35 full monthly amount of cash assistance for which the assistance unit
36 qualifies based on the date of the application.

37 4. An adult recipient who as a minor child was not a head of household
38 or married to a head of household.

39 E. Except in case of hardship, an assistance unit in which any adult
40 or minor parent of a dependent child who is a head of household or married to
41 a head of household has received sixty months of assistance funded in whole
42 or in part by the temporary assistance for needy families block grant in this
43 or any other state or United States territory or from a tribal temporary
44 assistance for needy families program shall not be eligible to receive under
45 any circumstances more than sixty months of such assistance.

1 F. Cash assistance shall terminate on the first day of the first month
2 following the effective date of this AMENDMENT TO THIS section for any
3 family, without regard to whether the family meets the financial criteria
4 established for a needy family, who THAT has received ~~thirty-six~~ TWENTY-FOUR
5 or more months of cash assistance as of that date.

6 Sec. 2. Child care assistance eligibility; report

7 Notwithstanding section 46-803, Arizona Revised Statutes, for fiscal
8 year 2011-2012, the department of economic security may reduce maximum income
9 eligibility levels for child care assistance in order to manage within
10 appropriated and available monies. The department of economic security shall
11 notify the joint legislative budget committee of any change in maximum income
12 eligibility levels for child care within fifteen days after implementing the
13 change.

14 Sec. 3. Department of economic security; drug testing; TANF
15 cash benefits recipients

16 During fiscal year 2011-2012, the department of economic security shall
17 screen and test each adult recipient who is otherwise eligible for temporary
18 assistance for needy families cash benefits and who the department has
19 reasonable cause to believe engages in the illegal use of controlled
20 substances. Any recipient who is found to have tested positive for the use
21 of a controlled substance that was not prescribed for the recipient by a
22 licensed health care provider is ineligible to receive benefits for a period
23 of one year.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 6, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 7, 2011.

Passed the House April 1, 2011,

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

19 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 16, 2011,

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

9 Nays, 9 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Chaimin Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR~~

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this~~

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Governor of Arizona~~

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~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE~~

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State~~

~~this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 1, 20 11

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

8 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Russ K. Pearson
President of the Senate

Channing S. Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

1st day of April, 20 11

at 5:30 o'clock P. M.

Myrtle Brendle
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 6th day of

April

at 5:48 o'clock P. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 7th day of April, 20 11

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at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

Ken Blum
Secretary of State